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Discovery UK lines up stars for survival series

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Discovery UK has secured its biggest ever talent line-up for a series that will challenge the likes of Freddie Flintoff, Joe Pasquale and SAS soldier- turned-author Chris Ryan to survive alone in locations including Belize, Botswana and Guyana

Tigress Productions' 6 x 60-minute **Alone In The Wild** will see the stars dropped off in the wilderness and asked to fend for themselves for seven days, equipped with only a tent and camera.

They will be required to forage for food and safe drinking water, build shelters and overcome the psychological challenge of surviving solo. They will visit drop-boxes to dump the tapes they record.

Highlights include Flintoff being confronted by a bull elephant defending a pregnant female and Pasquale trying to chop down palm trees with a machete.



- Title: Alone In The Wild
- Channel: Discovery UK
- Producer: Tigress Productions
- Exec prod: Dick Colthurst
- Length: 6 x 60 mins
- Commissioner: Dan Korn

Dan Korn, head of programming for Discovery UK and Western Europe, said sending the celebrities out alone was risky.

"It's one of the biggest shows we've done in terms of its ambition and the talent involved, and is a bit of a departure because it's an unconstructed survival series. Using sports people, comics and TV presenters gives us a breadth of experiences in this fascinating social experiment," Korn said.

The line-up, which also includes Winter Olympic gold medallist Amy Williams and diver Tanya Streeter, fits Discovery's "mavericks and pioneers" profile, he added.

The series will TX in mid-autumn and BBC Worldwide will distribute it internationally. The executive producer is Dick Colthurst.